

Brussels, 1 October, 2014

Mr Stavros Lambrinidis,
EU Special Representative for Human Rights,
European External Action Service

Dear Mr Lambrinidis,

On behalf of the **Open Dialog Foundation**, I would like to draw your attention to the unresolved cases of the two European citizens and security servants, Ms **Nadezhda Savchenko** and Mr **Eston Kohver**.

Nadezhda Savchenko is a Ukrainian pilot, a Lieutenant of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, which voluntarily participated in the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) in the East of Ukraine, and was taken prisoner by so-called pro-Russian separatists near the village of Metallist (Lugansk Province) on 17 June, 2014. As a result of the cooperation between terrorists and the Russian security services, Ms Savchenko was illegally transferred to the Russian Federation on 24 June, 2014. Officially arrested on 30 June, 2014 she is now facing a criminal case, accused of 'complicity in the deaths of Russian journalists Mr Igor Kornelyuk and Mr Anton Voloshin'. Ms Savchenko allegedly played the role of a fire spotter in the mortar attack during which the journalists were killed. On 22 September, 2014 she was transferred from the Voronezh to Moscow, without prior notice to her lawyers and with the high risk of Ms Savchenko's forced psychiatric examination.

Eston Kohver is an Estonian Officer of the Internal Security Service, which on 5 September, 2014 was abducted by the Russian security forces on Estonian territory, near the village of Miikse and the Estonian-Russian border crossing at Luhamaa. On the same day he was illegally transferred to the Russian Federation. At present there are no known information on his physical and mental condition, as well as a likely accusation of spying.

As the **EU Special Representative for Human Rights** and the former **Vice-President of the European Parliament**, the Open Dialog Foundation appeals to you and the EEAS to take immediate actions and increase efforts, in order to resolve, in a peaceful manner, the cases of Ms Savchenko's and Mr Kohver's illegal detention in the Russian Federation.

We call on you and the EEAS to engage in a continuous political and diplomatic dialogue with Russian authorities (e.g. the Russian Federation's Commissioner for Human Rights; the President of Russia's Council for Civil Society and Human Rights; the competent judicial authorities and law enforcement agencies, etc.), as well as not allow for these unresolved cases to be forgotten at the EU and other international authorities' level, and thereby disappear from the agenda of any talks with Russian officials. Furthermore, only the interest on the highest political and diplomatic levels of the EU and other international organizations, will allow to obtain information on Mr Kohver's situation.

We strongly believe that your and the EEAS engagement may result in a peaceful solutions of the described cases and lead to the releases and safe returns of Ms Savchenko to Ukraine and Mr Kohver to Estonia. We are very convinced that they deserve for the same level of interest from the European



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authorities and public opinion, as every other European citizen. The fact that they are security servants of their respective countries should not serve as an explanation for the lack of actions on the European level.

Furthermore, we strongly invite you to follow closely the developments in the two above-mentioned cases and to ensure that representatives of the EEAS and the EU Special Representative's Office request a possibility to visit N. Savchenko and E. Kohver and are present at the upcoming hearings.

We send you also, attached, our report "The case of Nadezhda Savchenko" (August 2014), as well as inform you that the letter with the same content was sent to Mr Gunnar Wiegand, Director for Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia Regional Cooperation and OSCE countries at the EEAS.

Sincerely yours,

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